

EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS BOARD[282]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 272.2(2), the Board of Educational Examiners hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 12, “Fees,” Iowa Administrative Code.

During the 2015 legislative session, the General Assembly passed 2015 Iowa Acts, House File 658, section 52, which transfers \$600,000 to the Department of Education from the Board of Educational Examiners in order to pay for the “I Have a Plan Iowa” software. The appropriation of these funds will leave the Board with a cash balance of approximately \$550,000 to start fiscal year 2016.

In light of these developments, the Board proposes to increase all licensure fees by \$4. Raising the fees will provide the Board with additional dollars to rebuild the Board’s cash reserves and enhance its revenue stream as the agency anticipates increased expenses that will exceed existing revenue in future fiscal years if revenues are not increased. The last time the Board raised fees was in 2005, when the Board raised typical licensure fees from \$60 to \$85.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendment before 4 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2015. Written comments and suggestions should be addressed to Kim Cunningham, Board Secretary, Board of Educational Examiners, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0147; or sent by e-mail to kim.cunningham@iowa.gov; or by fax to (515)281-7669.

Any interested party or persons may present their views either orally or in writing at the public hearing that will be held Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 1 p.m. in Room B50, Basement, Grimes State Office Building, East 14th Street and Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendment. Persons who wish to make oral presentations at the public hearing may contact the Executive Director, Board of Educational Examiners, at the above address, or at (515)281-5849, prior to the date of the public hearing.

Any person who intends to attend the public hearing and requires special accommodations for specific needs, such as a sign language interpreter, should contact the office of the Executive Director at (515)281-5849.

This amendment is subject to waiver pursuant to 282—Chapter 6.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no anticipated impact on jobs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code section 272.2(2).

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend **282—Chapter 12** as follows:

CHAPTER 12 FEES

282—12.1(272) Issuance of licenses, certificates, authorizations, and statements of professional recognition. All application and licensure fees are nonrefundable. The fee for the issuance of a license, certificate, statement of professional recognition, or authorization shall be ~~\$85~~ \$89 unless otherwise specified below:

1. Class E emergency license shall be ~~\$150~~ \$154.
2. Paraeducator certificate shall be ~~\$40~~ \$44.
3. Behind-the-wheel authorization shall be ~~\$40~~ \$44.

282—12.2(272) Fees for the renewal or extension of licenses, certificates, statements of professional recognition, and authorizations. The fee for the renewal or extension of a license, certificate, statement of professional recognition, or authorization shall be ~~\$85~~ \$89 unless otherwise specified below:

1. The renewal of the paraeducator certificate shall be ~~\$40~~ \$44.
2. The renewal of the behind-the-wheel authorization shall be ~~\$40~~ \$44.
3. A one-year extension for renewal of a coaching authorization shall be ~~\$40~~ \$44.
4. A one-year extension of the initial license shall be ~~\$25~~ \$29. This extension may be issued if the applicant needs one additional year to meet the experience requirement for the standard license, but has met Iowa teaching standards, pursuant to rule 282—20.4(272).
5. A ~~\$25~~ \$29 fee for an extension of the initial administrator license, which may be issued instead of renewing the initial administrator license if the applicant verifies one of the criteria listed in 282—subrule 20.8(2).

282—12.3(272) Evaluation fee. Each application from an out-of-state institution for initial licensure shall include, in addition to the basic fee for the issuance of a license, a one-time nonrefundable ~~\$60~~ \$64 evaluation fee. Each application or request for a statement of professional recognition shall include a one-time nonrefundable ~~\$60~~ \$64 evaluation fee.

282—12.4(272) Adding endorsements.

12.4(1) Fee for each added endorsement. The fee for each additional endorsement to a license following the issuance of the initial license and endorsement(s) shall be ~~\$50~~ \$54. The fee for each additional endorsement added to a paraeducator certificate shall be ~~\$25~~ \$29.

12.4(2) Fee for transcript review. Applicants may ask the board of educational examiners to analyze transcripts if the applicant believes all requirements have been met. Applicants who request board of educational examiners transcript analysis shall be assessed a ~~\$60~~ \$64 transcript evaluation fee for each new endorsement requested. This fee shall be in addition to the fee for adding the endorsement.

282—12.5(272) Duplicate licenses, authorizations, and statements of professional recognition. The fee for the issuance of a duplicate practitioner's license, certificate, statement of professional recognition, or authorization shall be ~~\$15~~ \$19.

282—12.6(272) Late fees.

12.6(1) An additional fee of ~~\$25~~ \$29 per calendar month, not to exceed ~~\$150~~ \$174, shall be imposed if an application for renewal or conversion of a Class A, B, or E license or a statement of professional recognition (SPR) is submitted after the date of expiration of a practitioner's license. Waiver of the late fee will be granted only upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances rendering imposition of the fee unreasonable.

12.6(2) Failure to hold an endorsement. An additional fee of ~~\$25~~ \$29 per calendar month, not to exceed ~~\$150~~ \$174, shall be imposed if the practitioner holds a valid Iowa license; but does not hold an endorsement for the type of service for which the practitioner is employed.

12.6(3) Failure to hold valid Iowa license or authorization. An additional fee of ~~\$100~~ \$104 per calendar month, not to exceed ~~\$500~~ \$520, shall be imposed if the practitioner does not hold a valid Iowa license or authorization. The fee will begin to be assessed on the first day of the school year for which the practitioner is employed until the practitioner submits a completed application packet for the appropriate license. The penalty will enforce Iowa Code section 272.7. Waiver of the fee will be granted only upon a showing of extraordinary circumstances rendering imposition of the fee unreasonable.

282—12.7(272) No change.

282—12.8(272) Portfolio review and evaluation fees. The fee for review and evaluation of an applicant portfolio is set as follows:

12.8(1) For the professional education core, the portfolio review and evaluation fee shall be ~~\$500~~ \$504.

12.8(2) For content endorsement, the portfolio review and evaluation fee shall be ~~\$250~~ \$254.

282—12.9(272) No change.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 272.